



The Royal Green Jackets Association
Suffolk Branch.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ROYAL GREEN JACKET ASSOCIATION
HELD AT THE ARMY CADET DRILL HALL ON FRIDAY THE 7th FEBRUARY 1992

1. Those Present:
 - Alfie Adams
 - John Bevan
 - Mick Burtenshaw
 - Mick Downey
 - Stu Duckett
 - Tommy Evans
 - Barrie Gilmore
 - Jim Hitches
 - Curley Hooper
 - Joe Lakeman
 - Larry Lamb
 - Joe Mills
 - Frank Moss
 - Gordon Pilcher
 - Mick Read
 - Frank Rimmer
 - Vic Steedman
 - Bob Stoddart
 - Alf Arnold
2. Apologies:
 - Del Hemsley
 - Ken Napier
 - Mick Cozze
3. The Meeting was opened at 2000hrs by Joe Mills.
4. The minutes of the past meeting were read out, proposed by Frank Moss and seconded by Jim Hitches that the minutes as read be passed and entered into the minutes book.
5. Correspondance: received: Letters of thanks were received from Lt. Gen Sir Peter Hudson, Lt. Col Manners Smith and from John Powell, these letters were read out to all as they contained thanks and appreciation for our hospitality given on our Ladies Dinner Night.
Sent: Nil
6. Finance: Savings account stands at £1775.02 and general account taking into consideration cheques still to go through for our Ladies Dinner Night stands at £338.41
7. Ladies Dinner Night: A vote of thanks was proposed by Bob Stoddart and seconded by Alfie Adams to John Bevan for donating the star prize in the raffle which was a magnificent Egg in the Faberge mode with the RGJ badge emblazoned on it. This was won by Mick Read who will bring it in to the next meeting for those of you who didn't get a chance to look at it on the evening.

A vote of thanks was also proposed by Barrie Gilmore and seconded by Jim Hitches for Ron Cassidy who very kindly donated two excellent framed prints to the Association, these will be hung by the next meeting. Both proposals passed unanimously.

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The Ladies dinner night was discussed in depth, various formats and venues were put forward, Curley Hooper suggested that we might like to consider a running buffet, which would give people a greater chance of mixing.

Barrie Gilmore thought that over the last four years we had set up a tradition by having our dinner when we do in late January but agreed that this might be a little too early after christmas but that the format should remain unchanged as this was a special evening for our ladies and invited guests and as we know from interest shown from other associations and 4 and 5 RGJ these dinners have become well known with people already booking seats for next years dinner.

(all in one breath)

It is hoped that the questionnaire will be going out with next month minutes to get your ideas on how we should proceed.

It was proposed by Frank Moss and seconded by Tommy Evans that we open an account too which members can pay into monthly at £5.00 or more as they desire, similar to a holiday fund so that the cost for dinners and membership could be taken out of it which would lessen the amount needed just after christmas. This was agreed by all and Joe advised that the account opened for the Christmas draw could be used as it was felt that we could give the draw a miss this year.

I will bring a receipt book to future meetings for those of you who wish to pay monthly.

It was proposed by Vic Steedman and seconded by Gordon Pilcher that we invite George Elliott as guest of Honour to our next dinner this was warmly agreed.

It was also proposed by Vic Steedman and seconded by Mick Burtenshaw that a letter of thanks be sent to the Commanding Officer 5 R.G.J for the two Buglers who attended our dinner. This was agreed unanimously and a letter will be going off shortly.

8. Annual General Meeting:

It was proposed that the format for this years AGM be the same as for last year, with the meeting on Friday the 3rd April followed on the Saturday by a supper evening with wives and friends. Proposed by Frank Moss and seconded by Vic Steedman passed by a majority. Format of supper evening to be brought up at the next meeting.

9. Winchester Trip

It was agreed that we attend Winchester for the weekend of the 13th of June for the last reunion as we know them. A quick show of hands from those present gave us 26 or 13 couples which is a good start. Joe Mills has made enquiries with travel agents but their costs were much too expensive when compared with what we did ourselves last year. Ron Cassidy has booked us 20 rooms at the Marwell resort Hotel at very good rates and Joe has found us a coach for almost half the price of last years.

COULD YOU PLEASE LET ME KNOW ASP IF YOU WANT TO JOIN US ON OUR TRIP TO WINCHESTER IF YOU WANT TO CATCH THE COACH OR TRAVEL UNDER YOUR OWN ARRANGEMENT AND JUST REQUIRE THE ROOM RESERVED, THE COACH WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR ALL ONCE WE ARE AT WINCHESTER. YOU CAN CALL ME ON 0394 285925 after 1800hrs or on 0394 674822 ext 321 during work hours.

Full costs will be put out with the next minutes.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Curley Hooper asked that we convey his thanks for the wreath and to the three members who attended his wifes funeral.

Vic Steedman (wanting to get his name mentioned in the minutes yet again) asked for a warm welcome to be given to Nobby Clarke who had joined us for the evening, Nobby lives in Barking and it was great to see him after all these years.

Pub card, Having so many members at the meeting it was decided that for once we would bring out one of our famous pub cards which was won by Alf Arnold who was so busy talking that I'm still not sure if he realises that he won but as he has signed the bottle perhaps he does, well done Alf.

Date of next meeting: this will be on Friday the 7th of March 1930-2000 hrs.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed at 2040hrs.

JOE MILLS
CHAIRMAN

GORDON PILCHER
SECRETARY